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(54) **A food kneading appliance**

(57) A food kneading appliance especially adapted to mix and knead bread or pizza dough or dough of other types includes a container 3, a central body 1 located in the center of the container, kneading tools 2, and a drive unit to rotate the central body. The central body includes a stirring spindle 11 and a kneading spindle 12 which are positioned in the same axis and rotate in opposite directions in operation. The kneading tools include a dough hook 21 disposed on the stirring spindle 11 and a dough mixer 23 disposed on the kneading spindle 12. The appliance can provide large torque and low speed operation so that the dough can be processed without overheating and Deteriorating. Beyond that, the dough is easy to be thoroughly mixed and achieve high quality dough that is comparable to manual kneading. Another advantage of the invention is that the kneading process is stable and low in noise.

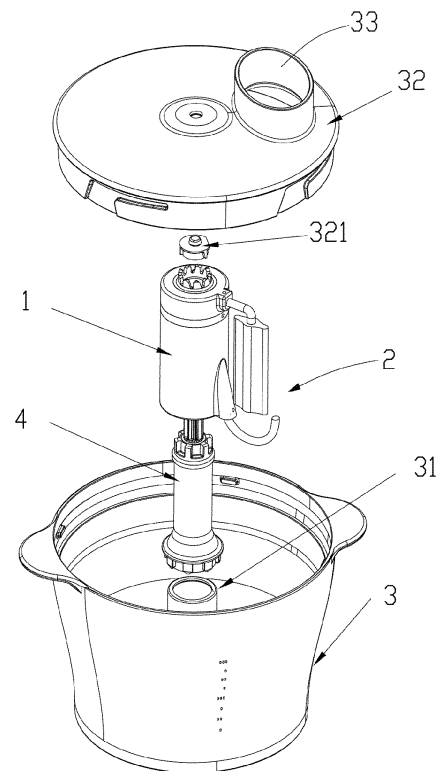


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food kneading appliance comprising a driving bevel gear located on the upper inner side of the stirring spindle and an upper kneading spindle having a following bevel gear located inside of a lower portion and a lower kneading spindle provided with several gear brackets and several planet bevel gears

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food kneading appliance comprising specific dough hook forms and specific dough mixer forms

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